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B' 52. The device of Claim 42, wherein the permanent adhesive is at least one of a thermal setting adhesive and a water based latex.

53. The device of Claim 42, wherein the closed mold comprises a raised surface surrounding at least a portion of the flocked surface to prevent the resin from contacting the flock fibers.

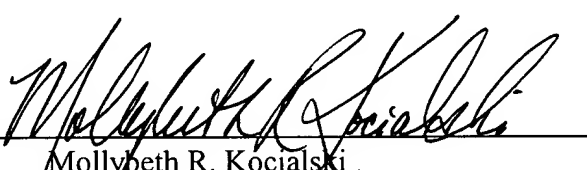
REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is added by the addition of the above claims to the application. Applicants have attached a copy of the amended claims marked to show changes in the document entitled "Version Marked to Show Changes."

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22. (New) A method for producing a molded article, comprising:

providing a flocked surface;

positioning the flocked surface in a closed mold;

introducing a resin into the closed mold while the flocked surface is positioned in the

5 closed mold; and

after solidification of the resin, removing a molded article comprising the flocked surface and the solidified resin from the mold.

23. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the introducing step comprises the substep of: cooling the mold to cause solidification of the resin.

24. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the flocked surface comprises multiple colors of flock.

25. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the flock is resilient.

26. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the flock is at least one of rayon, nylon, and polyester.

27. (New) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:

electrostatically depositing the flock onto an adhesive-coated substrate to form the flocked surface.

28. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the flocked surface comprises an adhesive coating lower ends of the flock.

29. (New) The method of Claim 22, further comprising:

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maintaining the flocked surface stationary in the closed mold during the introducing step.

30. (New) The method of Claim 29, wherein the maintaining step is performed using a vacuum.

31. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the flocked surface comprises:

a dimensionally stable sheet;

a plurality of flock fibers;

a first release adhesive attaching the plurality of flock fibers to the dimensionally

5 stable sheet; and

a permanent binder adhesive coating lower ends of the plurality of flock fibers.

32. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the dimensionally stable sheet is in contact with a surface of the closed mold.

33. (New) The method of Claim 32, wherein a second release adhesive is positioned on an opposite side of the dimensionally stable sheet from the first release adhesive to locate the flocked surface in position inside the mold.

34. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the mold comprises a depression sized to receive the flocked surface.

35. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein a melting point of the first release adhesive is higher than a melting point of the resin.

36. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the introducing step is performed by an injection molding technique.

37. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the introducing step is performed by one of the following techniques: reaction injection molding, blow molding, rotational molding, and transfer molding.

38. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the introducing step comprises: first introducing a first resin into the closed mold at a first pressure; and second introducing a second resin into the closed mold at a second pressure, wherein the first pressure is less than the second pressure.

39. (New) The method of Claim 31, further comprising after the removing step: removing the dimensionally stable sheet from the molded article.

40. (New) The method of Claim 31, wherein the permanent adhesive is at least one of a thermal setting adhesive and a water based latex.

41. (New) The method of Claim 22, wherein the closed mold comprises a raised surface surrounding at least a portion of the flocked surface to prevent the resin from contacting the flock fibers.

42. (New) A device for forming a molded article, comprising: first and second complementary parts of a closed mold, the first and second parts being in engagement with one another to define a mold cavity; a flocked surface positioned in the cavity in contact with a surface of the closed mold; an input port for a resin; and a resin located in the cavity and in contact with the flocked surface.

43. (New) The device of Claim 42, further comprising:

a cooling device operable to cool the mold and cause solidification of the resin.

44. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the flocked surface comprises multiple colors of flock.

45. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the flock is resilient.

46. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the flock is at least one of rayon, nylon, and polyester.

47. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the flocked surface comprises an adhesive coating lower ends of the flock.

48. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the flocked surface comprises:

a dimensionally stable sheet;

a plurality of flock fibers;

a first release adhesive attaching the plurality of flock fibers to the dimensionally

5 stable sheet; and

a permanent binder adhesive coating lower ends of the plurality of flock fibers.

49. (New) The device of Claim 48, wherein the dimensionally stable sheet is in contact with a surface of the closed mold.

50. (New) The device of Claim 48, wherein a second release adhesive is positioned on an opposite side of the dimensionally stable sheet from the first release adhesive to locate the flocked surface in position inside the mold.

51. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the mold comprises a depression sized to receive the flocked surface.

52. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the permanent adhesive is at least one of a thermal setting adhesive and a water based latex.

53. (New) The device of Claim 42, wherein the closed mold comprises a raised surface surrounding at least a portion of the flocked surface to prevent the resin from contacting the flock fibers.